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FEBRUARY 12, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: SITUATION ROOM

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SUBJECT: EVENING NOTES

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MAJOR VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST COMMAND COMPLEX REESTABLISHED IN
TAY NINH PROVINCE. ACCORDING TO NSA, SINCE LATE 1972, SEVERAL
MAJOR VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST HEADQUARTERS HAVE MOVED FROM CAMBODIA
INTO NORTHEASTERN TAY NINH PROVINCE, INDICATING THAT A MAJOR
COMMAND COMPLEX IS BEING REESTABLISHED IN THE AREA. THIS SAME
AREA WAS OCCUPIED BY THE HEADQUARTERS, SOUTH VIETNAMESE LIBERA-
TION ARMY (SVNLA) AND COSVN. AT THIS TIME IT CANNOT BE DETER-
MINED WHETHER THESE RELOCATIONS REPRESENT THE FORMATION OF A
FORWARD HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX TO SERVE SVNLA AND COSVN OR WHETHER
THEY ARE INITIAL REFLECTIONS OF THE RETURN OF ELEMENTS OF HEAD-
QUARTERS SVNLA AND COSVN.

BACKGROUND ON DELAY OF RELEASE OF POWS: A REFUSAL FOR NEARLY
12 HOURS BY COMMUNIST PRISONERS AT BIEN HOA TO BOARD AWAITING
AIRCRAFT DELAYED THE RELEASE OF THE 27 AMERICAN POWS AT LOC
NINH. THE PRISONERS REQUESTED THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
PRG AND DRV MEET WITH THEM BEFORE THEY BOARDED THE AIRCRAFT.
A DELEGATION FROM THE FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION CON-
SISTING OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRG, DRV, GVN, AND USA
MET WITH A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRISONERS. THE PRISONERS
INITIALLY REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE NVA AND PRG REPRESENTATIVES,
BUT AFTER ONE HOUR, THEY WERE CONVINCED THEY SHOULD BE REPAT-
RIATED. NO MEMBERS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL
AND SUPERVISION WERE PRESENT TO OBSERVE PRISONERS FROM THE CAMP.
GENERAL WOODWARD HAD ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD BOYCOTT TODAY'S
MEETING OF THE CHIEFS OF DELEGATION TO THE FRJMC "UNTIL HE HAS
PRG ASSURANCE THAT THE AMERICAN POWS AT LOC NINH WILL BE RE-
LEASED AS THEY AGREED, AND THAT THE PRG WILL LIVE UP TO ITS
COMMITMENT TO HONOR THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOL." ALL 27
AMERICANS WERE AIRLIFTED TO SAIGON TO BE TRANSFERRED TO MEDEVAC
AIRCRAFT FOR THE FLIGHT TO CLARK AIR BASE.

PENTAGON ANNOUNCEMENT ON THAILAND AIR BASES. THE PENTAGON ANNOUNCED TODAY IT HAS BEGUN TO SET UP A NEW SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS AT NAKHON PHANOM, THAILAND TO CONTROL TEAMS SEARCHING FOR MISSING U.S. SERVICEMEN AND TO DIRECT ANY AIR ACTIVITY THE U.S. CARRIES OUT THERE AFTER MARCH 28. "WE'RE LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD TO A TIME WHEN MACV AND THE 7TH AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS WILL BE GONE FROM WHERE THEY ARE NOW," THE SPOKESMAN SAID. THE PENTAGON SAID APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PERSONS WOULD BE ATTACHED TO THE HEADQUARTERS -- ROUGHLY 200 ARE WORKING WITH THE JOINT CASUALTY RESOLUTION CENTER AND THE REST ASSIGNED TO THE AIR OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS. HE SAID THE AIR OPERATIONS HEADQUARTERS WOULD CONTROL SUCH SUPPORTING AIR ACTIVITIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED, INCLUDING FLIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH JCRC ACTIVITIES. THE HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE COMMANDED BY GENERAL VOQT.

URUGUAY: REBEL MILITARY OFFICERS ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT HAD REACHED "THE BASIS OF COMPLETE AGREEMENT" WITH PRESIDENT BORDABERRY. THE ANNOUNCEMENT CAME OVER NATIONAL TELEVISION AND RADIO NETWORKS CONTROLLED BY THE REBELS. THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT GAVE NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT SAID THAT IT WAS REACHED ON THE BASIC POINTS GUARANTEEING THE ATTAINMENT OF A FAR-REACHING TOTAL AGREEMENT.

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